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Timothy William Dake, *et al.* : Confirmation No.: 6421  
Serial No.: 09/853,391 : Group Art Unit: 1761  
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SOLUBILITY AND METHODS OF THEIR PREPARATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In the application of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/853,391 filed May 11, 2001, please amend the claims in the following manner and consider those amendments in the forthcoming Office Action. Support for the amendments is found in the specification at pages 20-24; no new matter is added.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new Claims 99, 100 and 101:

99. (New) A method according to Claim 86 wherein the first ingredient set comprises one or more flavor agents.

100. (New) A method of preparing an essentially dry composition comprising from about 0.001% to about 25%, by weight of the composition, of a high intensity sweetener, wherein less than about 6 kJ / kg of work input is applied to the composition after all the high intensity sweetener has been added to the composition.

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